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RE: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

Dear FDA administrators:

In the interests of health and humaneness, please act to eliminate downed animals from the market through appropriate rulings.

I am only one of a large community of people outraged to see pictures of sick and injured animals dragged with tractors and chains to their slaughter. It is bad enough that healthy animals, sometimes skinned alive, are slaughtered for meat. But there is a line that humankind should not cross.

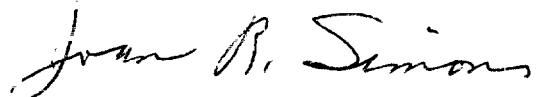
I could mention the risk of diseased meat, but my primary concern is the avoidance of torture and brutality. If an animal is so sick or injured that it cannot walk, please have it euthanized and removed.

If downed animals cannot be sold for slaughter, the industry will take greater care during transport to insure delivery of a healthy animal. And if an animal is sick to begin with, it should not be shipped to slaughter.

The FDA has a duty to the American public to do the right thing.

Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely,



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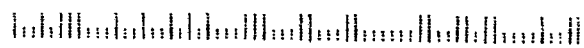
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Animals in Laboratories

Unseen
They Suffer
Unheard
They Cry
In Agony
They Linger
In Loneliness
They Die



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